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HEY! IS THAT NICK FURY, AGENT OF... S.H.I.E.L.D.?
ANSWER INSIDE.

THERE IS A MAN. AND IF YOU CAN FIND HIM, AND IF HE BELIEVES IN YOUR PLIGHT, HE AND HIS TEAM WILL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

SOME CALL THEM OUTLAWS, REBELS, ROBIN HOODS. TO MANY, THEY ARE HEROES. NO POWERS TO SPEAK OF, JUST SKILLS, SMARTS AND THE DRIVE TO PUT THINGS RIGHT.

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WHILE PROTECTING SOME TRUCKERS, HAWKEYE AND HIS NEW PARTNER RED WOLF STUMBLED ACROSS A SHIPMENT OF EPIDURIUM, A SYNTHETIC SKIN USED IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF LIFE-MODEL DECOYS. THEY ENLISTED THE HELP OF THE CHICAGO-BASED VIGILANTE KNOWN AS NIGHTHAWK AND HIS PARTNER, TILDA JOHNSON, TO TRACK THE SHIPMENT BACK TO AN ABANDONED COAL FACTORY...WHERE THEY WERE ATTACKED BY NICK FURY SR. AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS! WAIT, AREN'T THOSE GUYS SUPPOSED TO BE DEAD?

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SOMEDAY, SOMEONE WILL WRITE A BOOK ABOUT ME, AND IT WILL BE *A-MAZ-ING.*
IT WILL INCLUDE MY FABULOUS SENSE OF FASHION, HOW I USED TO COMMAND AN ARMY OF WEREWOLVES, AND THE TIME I ALMOST KILLED *CAPTAIN AMERICA.*

WHEN PEOPLE READ THIS BOOK, THEY WILL KNOW ME BETTER. THEY'LL KNOW THAT I HAVE FORGOTTEN MORE ABOUT ROBOTIC ENGINEERING THAN ANYONE ELSE HAS EVER *KNOWN.*

BUT IT WON'T ALL BE GLORY, BECAUSE THE BEST STORIES ARE MORE THAN JUST TALES OF TRIUMPH AND BEING FABULOUS.
THE *BEST* STORIES ALSO WADE INTO THE WATERS OF FAILURE AND HUMILIATION.

AND TO BE SURE, THE TALE OF *TILDA JOHNSON,* QUEEN OF THE WEREWOLVES, ROBOTIC ENGINEERING GENIUS AND ALL-AROUND FABULOUS FASHIONISTA...WELL...
...IT DOES MORE THAN *WADE* IN THE WATERS OF FAILURE AND HUMILIATION.

I DAMN NEAR *DROWNED.*
LIKE ALL THE GREATS THAT CAME BEFORE ME...

...I SURVIVED IT.

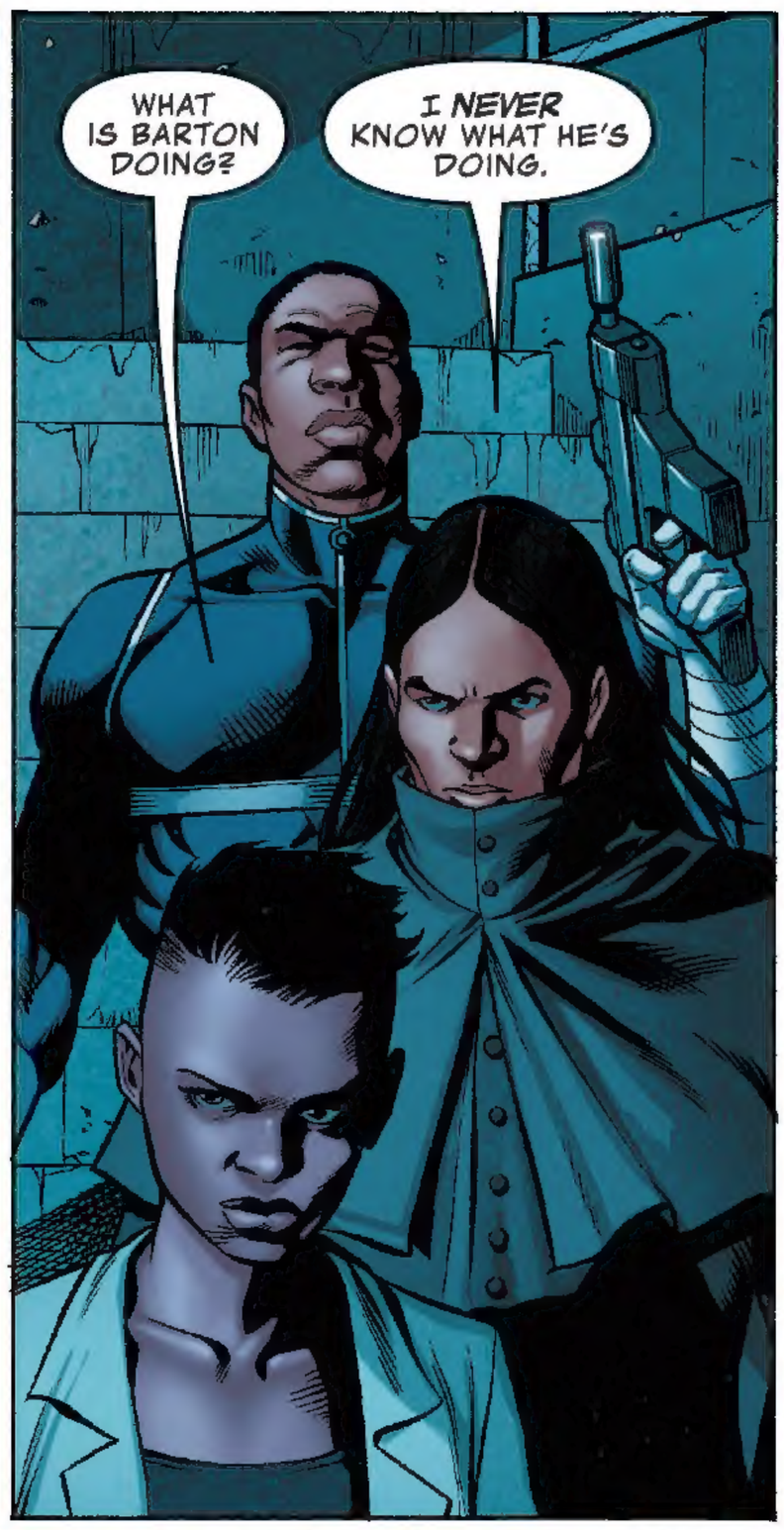
SOMEDAY, SOMEONE WILL WRITE A BOOK ABOUT ME--ABOUT MY ASPIRATIONS OF GREATNESS, AND DROWNING IN MY OWN FAILURE AND HUMILIATION.
BUT HERE'S THE THING--THAT WILL BE THE FIRST ACT OF THE BOOK. THAT WILL BE THE BEGINNING.
THE SECOND ACT IS WHERE THINGS WILL GET REALLY GOOD.
IT WILL BE ABOUT RESURRECTION AND REDEMPTION IN THE WAKE OF SPIRITUAL DEATH.
THE SECOND ACT OF THE BOOK WILL BE THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD, BECAUSE IT WILL BE ABOUT THE TRUE ME--THE ME I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE.
WHO... WHO ARE YOU?
YOU'RE TILDA JOHNSON--DEADLY NIGHTSHADE--ROBOTIC ENGINEERING EXPERT. I NEED SOMEONE LIKE YOU WORKING FOR ME.
I CAN LEAVE YOU HERE TO DIE--I COULD KILL YOU MYSELF, AND NO ONE WOULD CARE...
...OR YOU CAN TURN IT AROUND AND PUT YOUR SKILLS TO WORK DOING SOMETHING IMPORTANT.

THAT BOOK SOMEONE NEEDS TO WRITE ABOUT ME--IT WILL BE AMAZING.
NOW.
YOU AND JONES KEEP AN EYE ON THESE TWO...
KWOOOSH
...I'LL DEAL WITH THE RIFFRAFF OUTSIDE.
NIGHTHAWK, MOVE!
YABOOM

LEMME BORROW THAT FOR A MINUTE.
HAVE FUN.

BLAM BLAM BLAM BLAM
YOU WANNA PIECE OF THIS?!
COME AND GET IT!
YOU OKAY, NIGHTHAWK?!
PTING
PTING
PTING
DO I LOOK OKAY, IDIOT?!
PTING
PTING
PTING
DUGAN! GET ME ANOTHER CLIP--JUST IN CASE THESE MAGGOTS WEREN'T PAYIN' ATTENTION!
THINK FAST, CLINT, WHILE HE'S RELOADING.

COLONEL FURY! DON'T SHOOT!

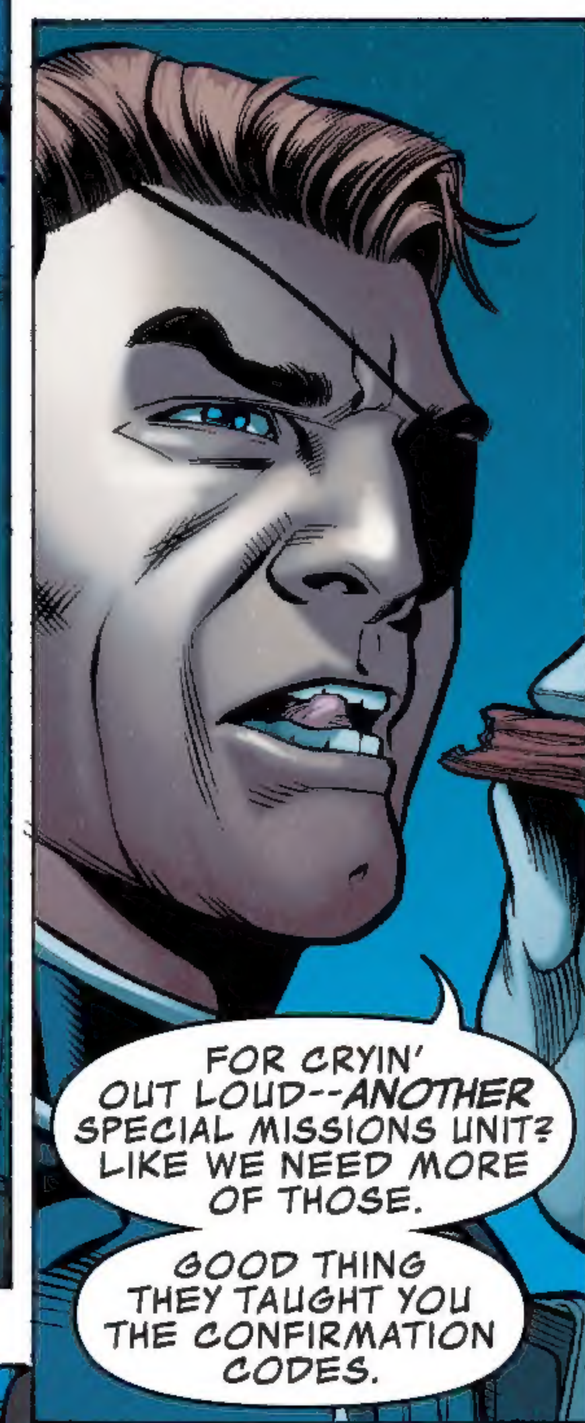

WHAT IS BARTON DOING?
I NEVER KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING.

DON'T SHOOT?!
GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON NOT TO VENTILATE YOUR DOME.
OKAY...GIVE ME A SECOND-- THE GUN IS MAKING ME NERVOUS. IT'S ON THE TIP OF MY TONGUE...

THINK, BARTON-- OLD S.H.I.E.L.D. CONFIRMATION CODES.
I'VE NEVER BEEN TO HEAVEN.
BUT YOU'VE BEEN TO OKLAHOMA.
THEY TELL ME I WAS BORN THERE. I DON'T REMEMBER.

OKLAHOMA. NOT ARIZONA.
WHAT DOES IT MATTER?
HUH.
HUH?
I KNOW YOU?

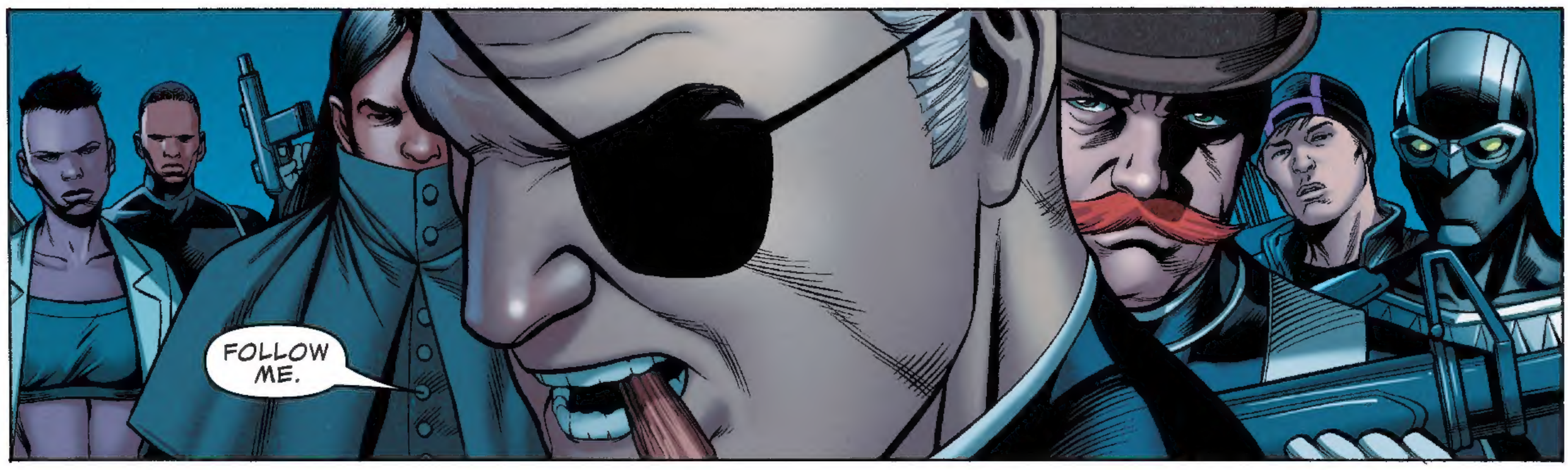
NO, SIR.
I'M...AGENT HAWKEYE!
I'M PART OF A...UM...A NEWLY FORMED S.H.I.E.L.D. UNIT--SPECIAL MISSIONS.

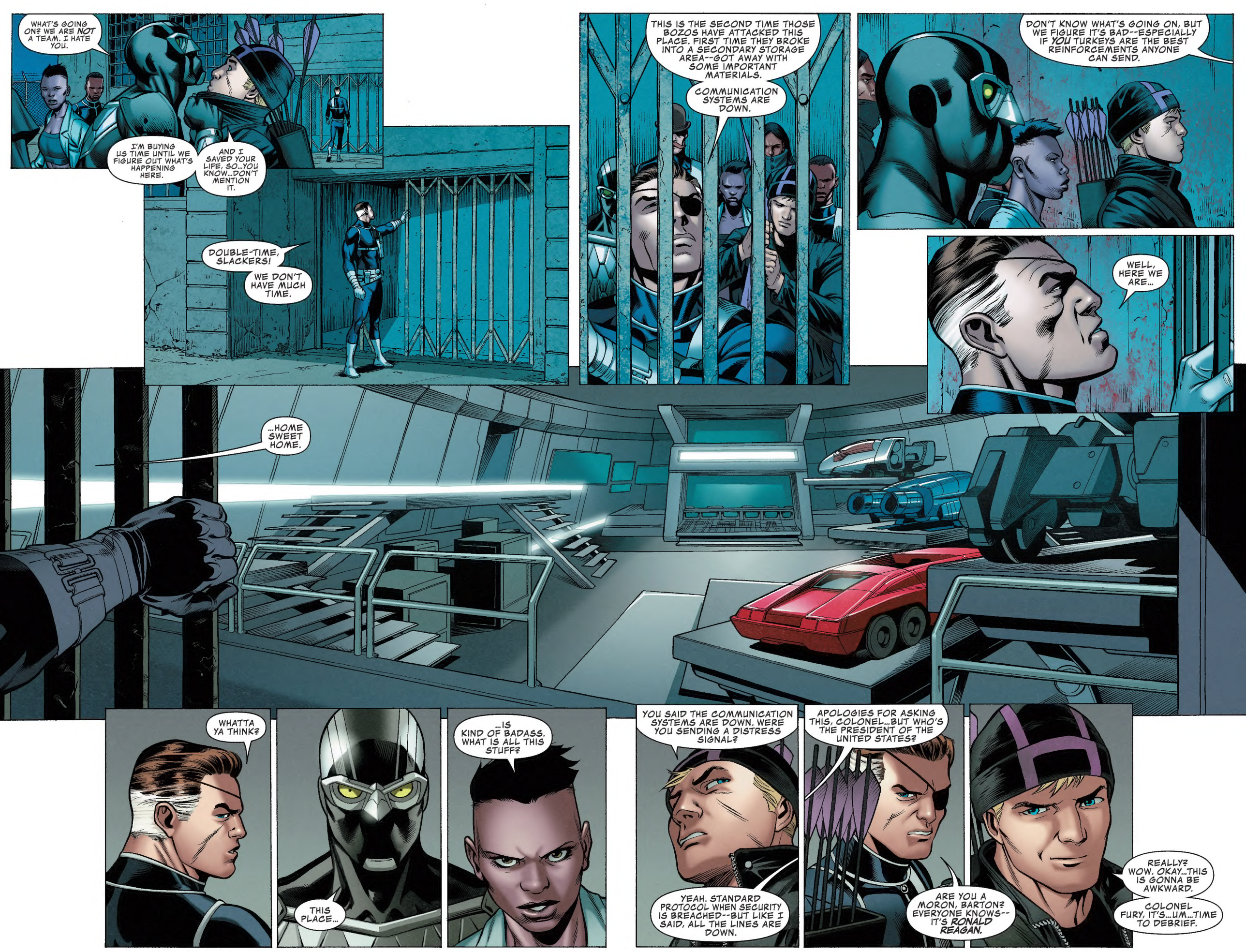

FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD--ANOTHER SPECIAL MISSIONS UNIT? LIKE WE NEED MORE OF THOSE.
GOOD THING THEY TAUGHT YOU THE CONFIRMATION CODES.

THESE PROTEIN BARS ARE DISGUSTING.
WHAT ABOUT THESE OTHERS--THE FREAK DRESSED LIKE A... WHAT IS THAT...A BIRD? THEY WITH YOU?
ALL OF 'EM ARE WITH ME, SIR. LIKE I SAID...

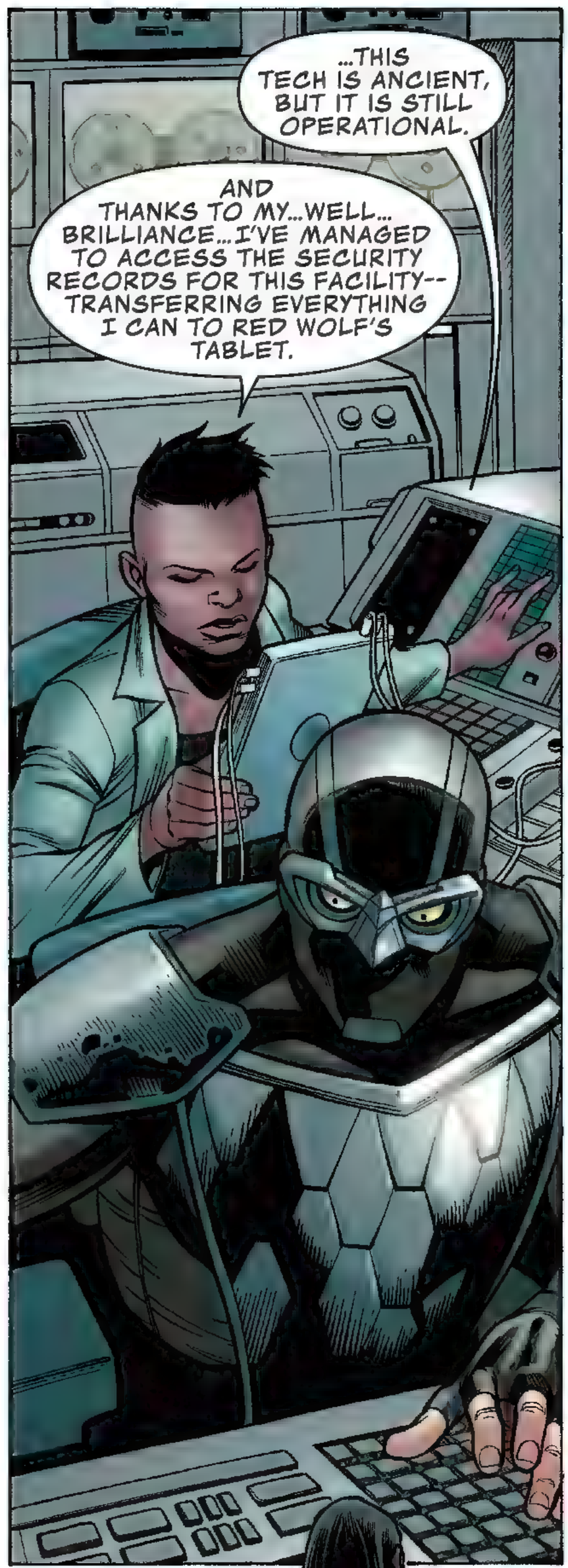
...WE'RE A SPECIAL MISSIONS UNIT.
WELL, IF THIS IS WHAT PASSES FOR REINFORCEMENTS...

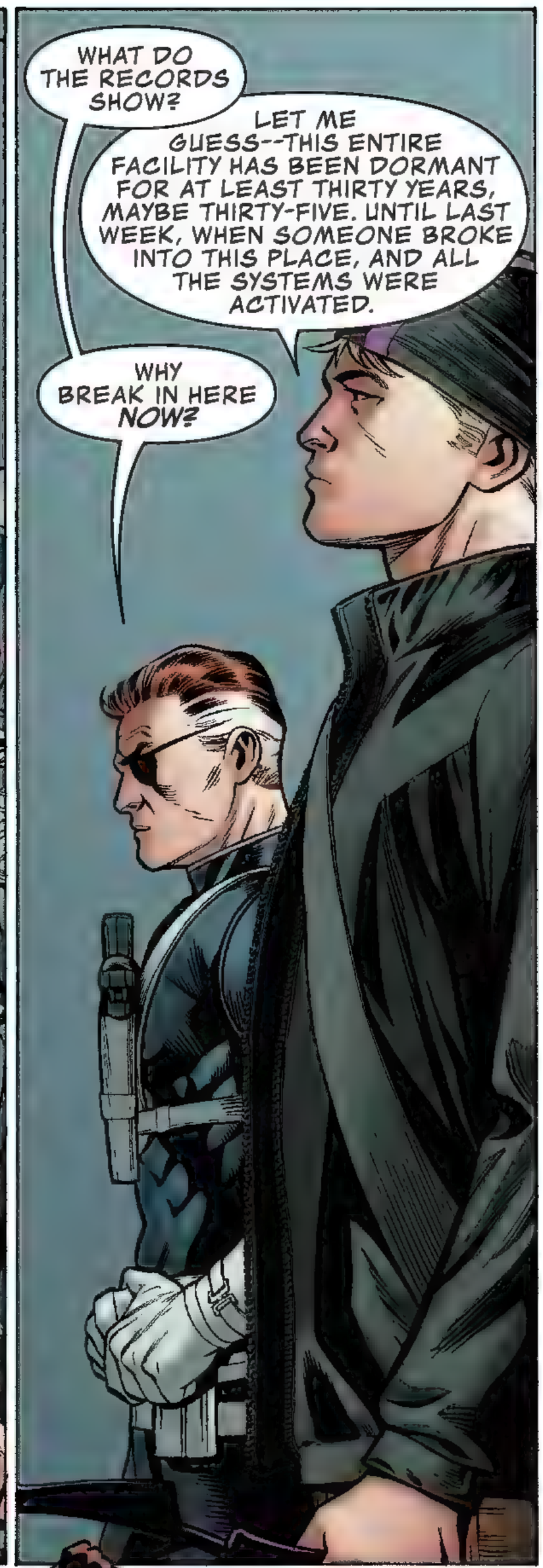
...WE'LL TAKE WHAT WE CAN GET.
DUM DUM, YOU AND GABE DO A SWEEP OF THE PERIMETER. SHOOT FIRST, ASK QUESTIONS LATER.
YOU GOT IT.


FOLLOW ME.


WHAT'S GOING ON? WE ARE NOT A TEAM. I HATE YOU.
I'M BUYING US TIME UNTIL WE FIGURE OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE.
AND I SAVED YOUR LIFE, SO...YOU KNOW...DON'T MENTION IT.
DOUBLE-TIME, SLACKERS!
WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TIME.
THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THOSE BOZOS HAVE ATTACKED THIS PLACE. FIRST TIME THEY BROKE INTO A SECONDARY STORAGE AREA--GOT AWAY WITH SOME IMPORTANT MATERIALS.
COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ARE DOWN.
DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON, BUT WE FIGURE IT'S BAD--ESPECIALLY IF YOU TURKEYS ARE THE BEST REINFORCEMENTS ANYONE CAN SEND.
WELL, HERE WE ARE...
...HOME SWEET HOME.
WHATTA YA THINK?
THIS PLACE...
...IS KIND OF BADASS. WHAT IS ALL THIS STUFF?
YOU SAID THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS ARE DOWN. WERE YOU SENDING A DISTRESS SIGNAL?
YEAH. STANDARD PROTOCOL WHEN SECURITY IS BREACHED--BUT LIKE I SAID, ALL THE LINES ARE DOWN.
APOLOGIES FOR ASKING THIS, COLONEL...BUT WHO'S THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES?
ARE YOU A MORON, BARTON? EVERYONE KNOWS--IT'S RONALD REAGAN.
REALLY? WOW. OKAY...THIS IS GONNA BE AWKWARD.
COLONEL FURY, IT'S...UM...TIME TO DEBRIEF.

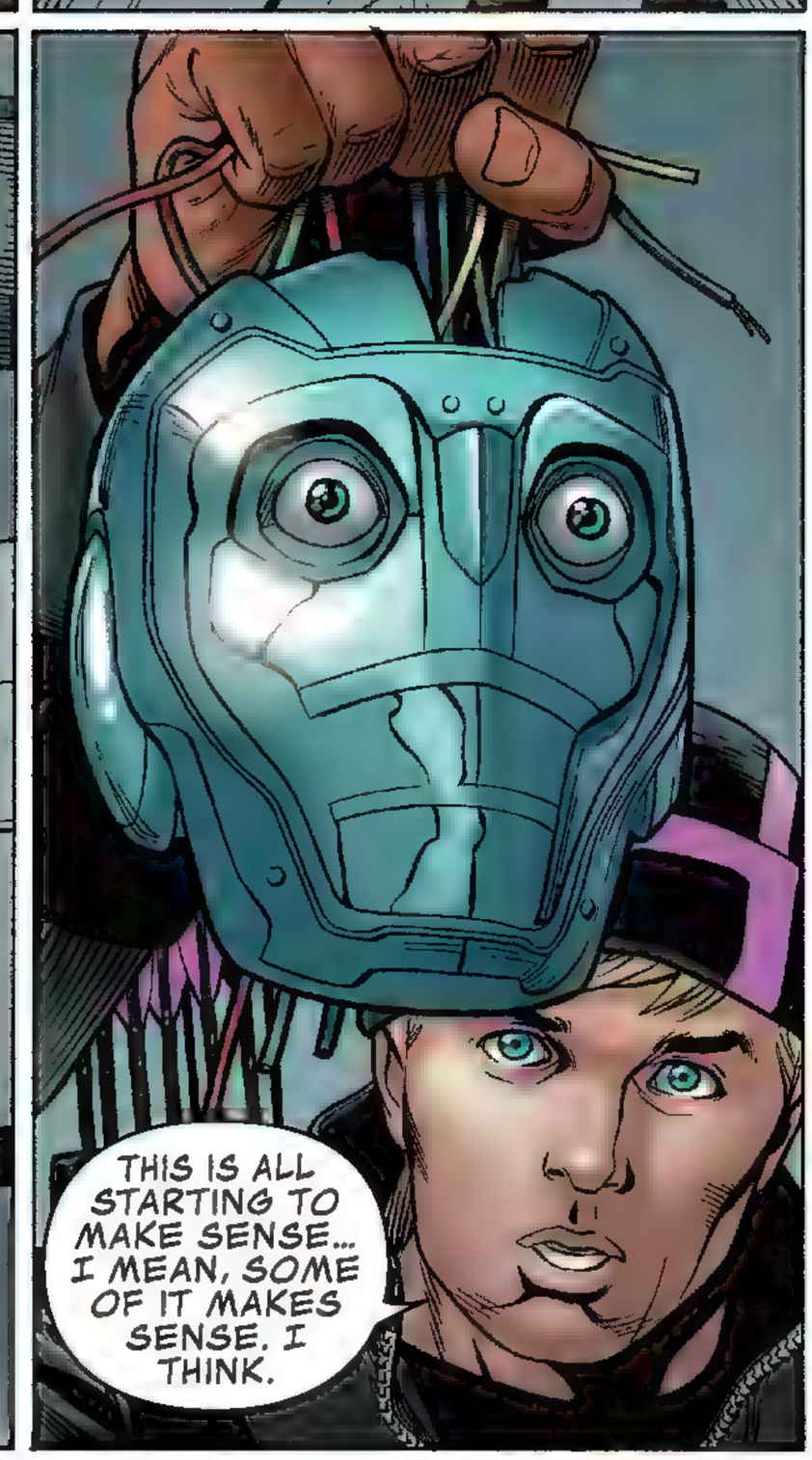
SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
WHAT THE #$@& DO YOU MEAN I'M A ROBOT?!
DO I LOOK LIKE A STINKIN' ROBOT TO YOU?!
TECHNICALLY, YOU'RE A LIFE-MODEL DECOY--THAT'S MUCH BETTER THAN A ROBOT.
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SURE?!
I'M SORRY... BUT COLONEL NICK FURY IS DEAD. SAME WITH GABE JONES AND DUM DUM DUGAN.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND...
AS NEAR AS I CAN TELL, THIS IS ONE OF FURY'S SECRET BUNKERS. HE HAD THEM EVERYWHERE.
AND LIFE-MODEL DECOYS? NOBODY KNOWS HOW MANY OF THOSE HE HAD. AND ALL OF 'EM WERE PROGRAMMED TO THINK THEY WERE HIM--THAT THEY WERE REAL PEOPLE. THEY COULD BE REPROGRAMMED REMOTELY, TO BE UPDATED WITH CURRENT WORLD EVENTS.
SOMETHING WENT WRONG WITH YOUR PROGRAMMING. THAT'S WHY YOU THINK REAGAN IS STILL PRESIDENT--HE'S BEEN OUT OF OFFICE FOR DECADES.
I'M SORRY. I REALLY AM.
THIS IS TOO MUCH...
WHAT ABOUT THOSE DIRTBAGS THAT ATTACKED US?
I THINK I HAVE AN ANSWER...


...THIS TECH IS ANCIENT, BUT IT IS STILL OPERATIONAL.
AND THANKS TO MY...WELL... BRILLIANCE...I'VE MANAGED TO ACCESS THE SECURITY RECORDS FOR THIS FACILITY--TRANSFERRING EVERYTHING I CAN TO RED WOLF'S TABLET.


WHAT DO THE RECORDS SHOW?
LET ME GUESS--THIS ENTIRE FACILITY HAS BEEN DORMANT FOR AT LEAST THIRTY YEARS, MAYBE THIRTY-FIVE. UNTIL LAST WEEK, WHEN SOMEONE BROKE INTO THIS PLACE, AND ALL THE SYSTEMS WERE ACTIVATED.
WHY BREAK IN HERE NOW?

PERHAPS IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THESE.
LOOK.

THIS IS THE HEAD OF A LIFE-MODEL DECOY, IS IT NOT?
IT JUST HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN A FACE YET--AN IDENTITY. BUT IN TIME, IT COULD BE ANYONE.
OH, MAN...
THIS IS A SECRET FACILITY FILLED WITH PARTS FOR MAKING LIFE-MODEL DECOYS--INCLUDING BARRELS OF EPIDURIUM.


THIS IS ALL STARTING TO MAKE SENSE... I MEAN, SOME OF IT MAKES SENSE. I THINK.

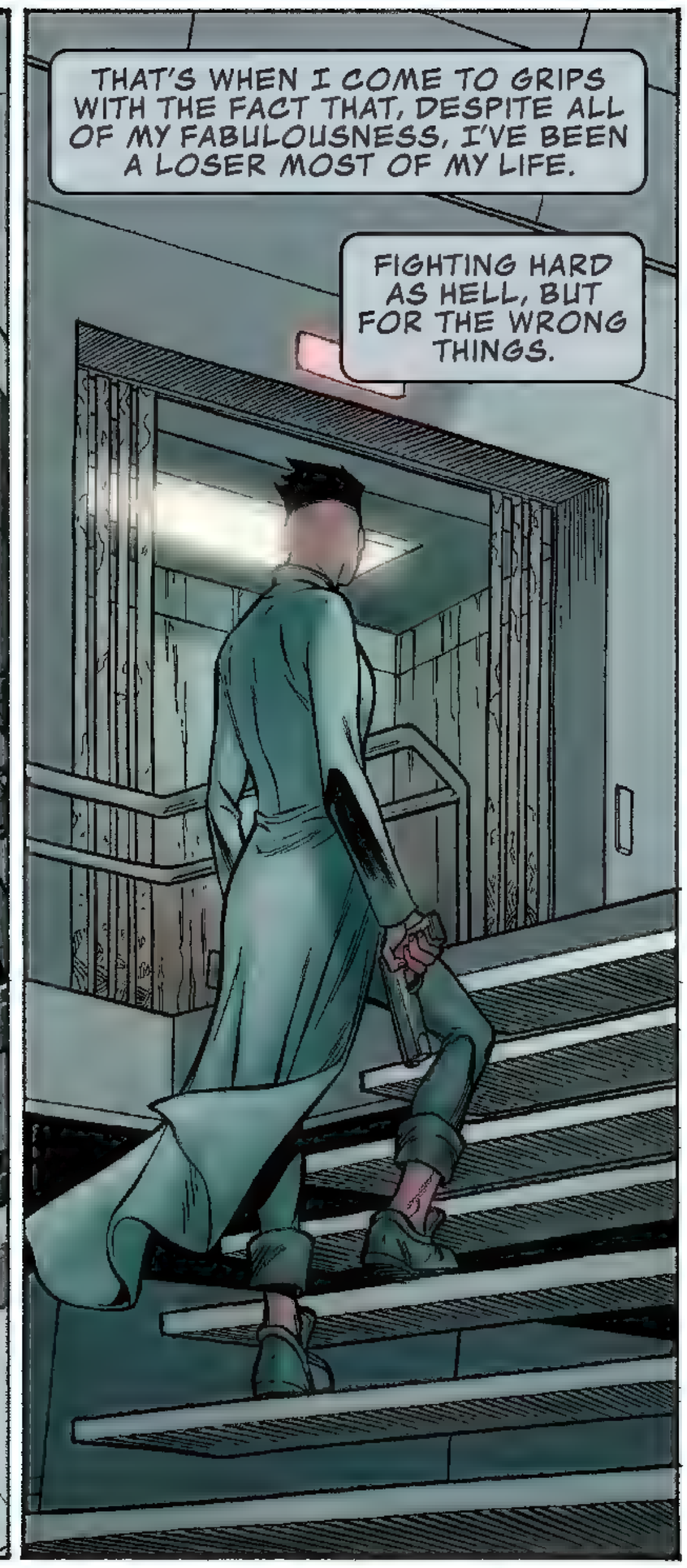
WHOOOP WHOOOP WHOOOP
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
PERIMETER BREACH--OUR FRIENDS ARE BACK!
WE NEED TO BREAK OUT THE ARTILLERY AND GET TOPSIDE, PRONTO!
I NEED YOUR HELP, TILDA. WE NEED TO GET ALL THE INFORMATION THAT'S STORED ON THE COMPUTER SYSTEM, AND THEN I NEED YOU TO SEND A MESSAGE--
SCREW YOU, BARTON--I'M NOT YOUR RECEPTIONIST.
BESIDES, THE COMMUNICATION SYSTEM HERE IS OBSOLETE AND OFFLINE.
I KNOW IT IS, BUT YOU KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT ELECTRONICS TO MAKE SOMETHING WORK.
TILDA--PLEASE.
IF WHAT I THINK IS HAPPENING IS HAPPENING...I NEED YOU TO DO THIS.
BARTON! TILDA! LET'S MOVE.
WE NEED REINFORCEMENTS TO SECURE THIS FACILITY, AND NO ONE ELSE KNOWS ENOUGH ABOUT ELECTRONICS TO JURY-RIG A WORKING COMMUNICATION SYSTEM.
THIS ISN'T FAIR. PEOPLE CALLED ME DEADLY NIGHTSHADE FOR A REASON.
I'LL DO IT ON ONE CONDITION...

"...WHEN YOU GET TOPSIDE, MAKE SURE YOU SERVE UP A DOUBLE DOSE OF FOOT-TO-ASS FOR ME."
TALK TO ME, GABE!
PTING
PTING
PTING
AT LEAST TWO DOZEN HOSTILES. THEY'VE PULLED BACK, BUT THAT AIN'T GONNA LAST.
DUM DUM IS DOWN, NICK. BUT...
...SOMETHING IS WRONG--THIS AIN'T DUM DUM.
I CAN SEE THAT.
WE'RE DUG IN PRETTY GOOD HERE--BUT THERE'S MORE OF THEM THAN THERE IS OF US, AND WHEN THEY DECIDE TO MOVE IN...
WHATEVER IT IS THESE BASTARDS WANT--WE AIN'T LETTIN' 'EM GET THEIR STINKIN' MITTS ON ANY OF IT.
YOU CAN COUNT ON US. JUST ONE THING...
...WE NEED PRISONERS. ALIVE.
ONE OTHER THING--I'M NOT MUCH FOR WAITING. LET'S TAKE THE FIGHT TO THESE IDIOTS.
ME AND JONES WILL TAKE THE LEAD--DRAW THEIR FIRE.

ON YOUR TWO!
GOT 'EM!
HEY, NIGHTHAWK-- AREN'T YOU GLAD WE TEAMED UP?!
SOMEDAY, SOMEONE WILL WRITE A BOOK ABOUT ME, TILDA JOHNSON.
NO!
MUST YOU TALK SO MUCH, BARTON?!
ALSO KNOWN AS NIGHTSHADE.
SOME PEOPLE LIKE THE SOUND OF MY VOICE!
NOT ME!
ALSO KNOWN AS DEADLY NIGHTSHADE.
NOT DURING A FIGHT!
LESS TALK, MORE REVENGE!
THAT'S ME...

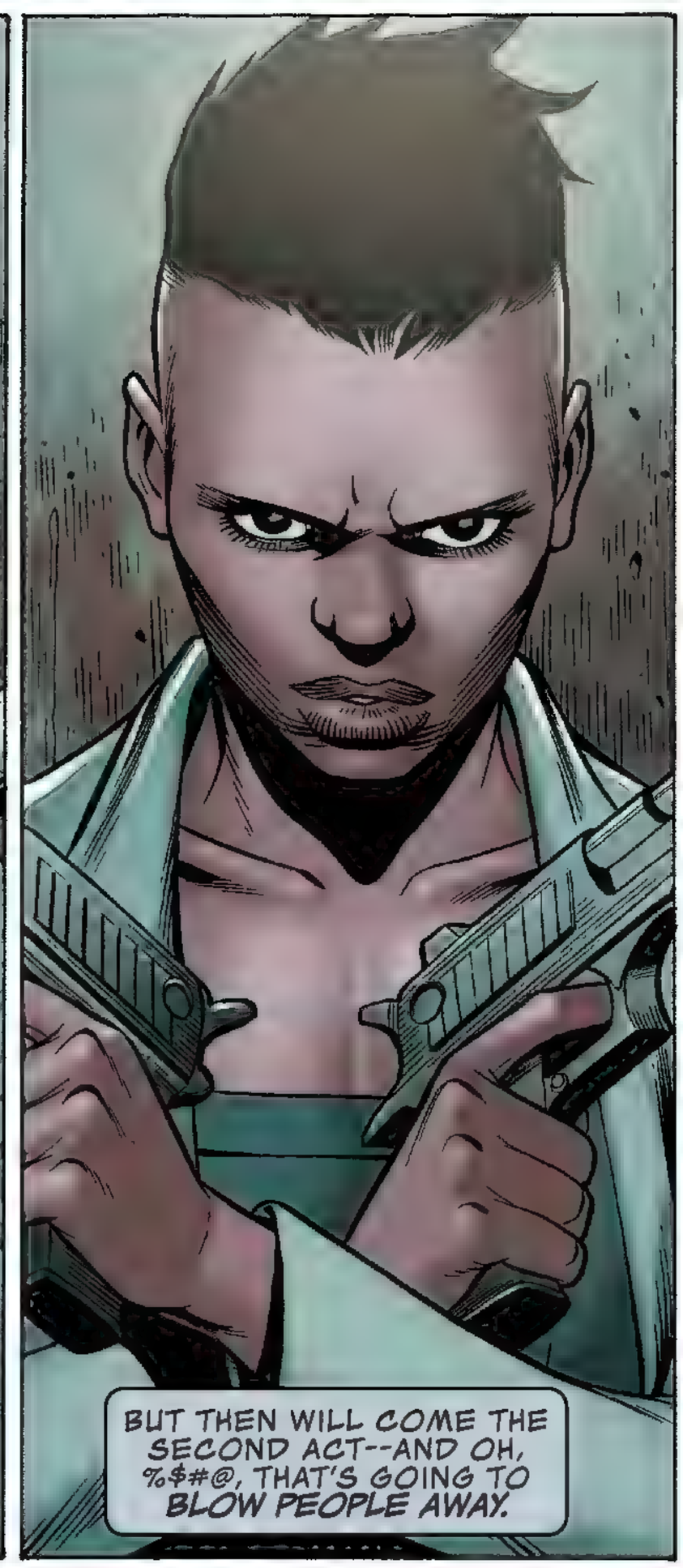
...THE CRIMINAL GENIUS WHO CONSORTED WITH WEREWOLVES, BUILT SOME OF THE MOST LIFE-LIKE ROBOTS THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN, AND ALMOST HANDED CAPTAIN AMERICA HIS ASS.
THAT WILL BE THE FIRST PART OF THE BOOK.

THE SECOND PART OF THE BOOK IS WHEN IT WILL REALLY GET GOOD.


THAT'S WHEN I COME TO GRIPS WITH THE FACT THAT, DESPITE ALL OF MY FABULOUSNESS, I'VE BEEN A LOSER MOST OF MY LIFE.
FIGHTING HARD AS HELL, BUT FOR THE WRONG THINGS.

THE FIRST ACT OF THAT AMAZING BOOK WILL BE THE STORY OF TILDA ONLY CARING ABOUT TILDA.

IT WILL BE ABOUT A LIFE OF UNLIMITED POTENTIAL, POINTED IN THE WRONG DIRECTION, FIGHTING FOR THE WRONG REASONS--FOR THE WRONG GAINS.


BUT THEN WILL COME THE SECOND ACT--AND OH, %$#@, THAT'S GOING TO BLOW PEOPLE AWAY.

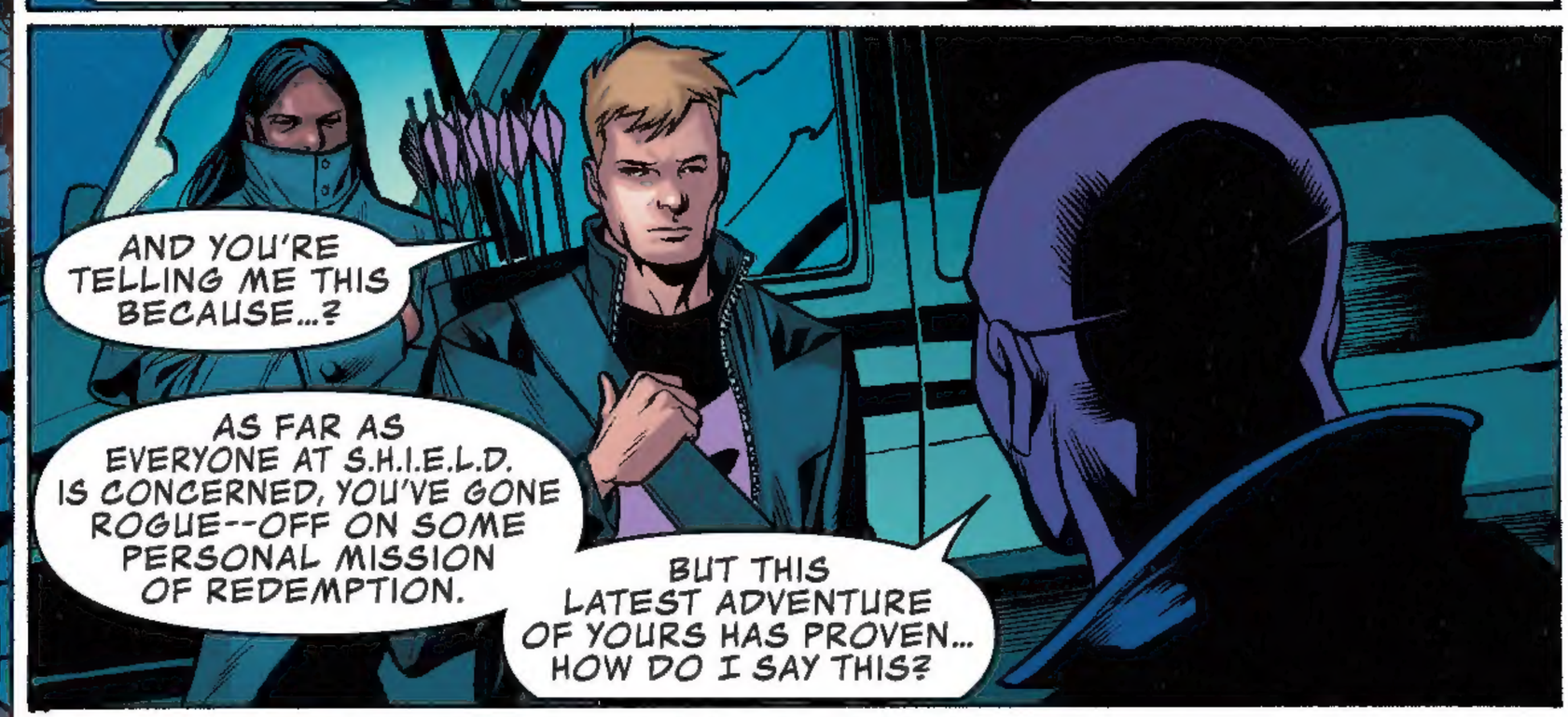
WHAT THE...?!
TOLD YOU TO SERVE UP A DOUBLE DOSE OF FOOT-TO-ASS...
SOMEDAY, SOMEONE WILL WRITE A BOOK ABOUT ME.
...BUT YOU GUYS WERE SLACKING!
IT WILL BE ABOUT ALL THE THINGS I DID WRONG.
SO I CAME TO SHOW Y'ALL HOW IT'S DONE!
AND THEN IT WILL BE ABOUT ALL THE THINGS I DID RIGHT.

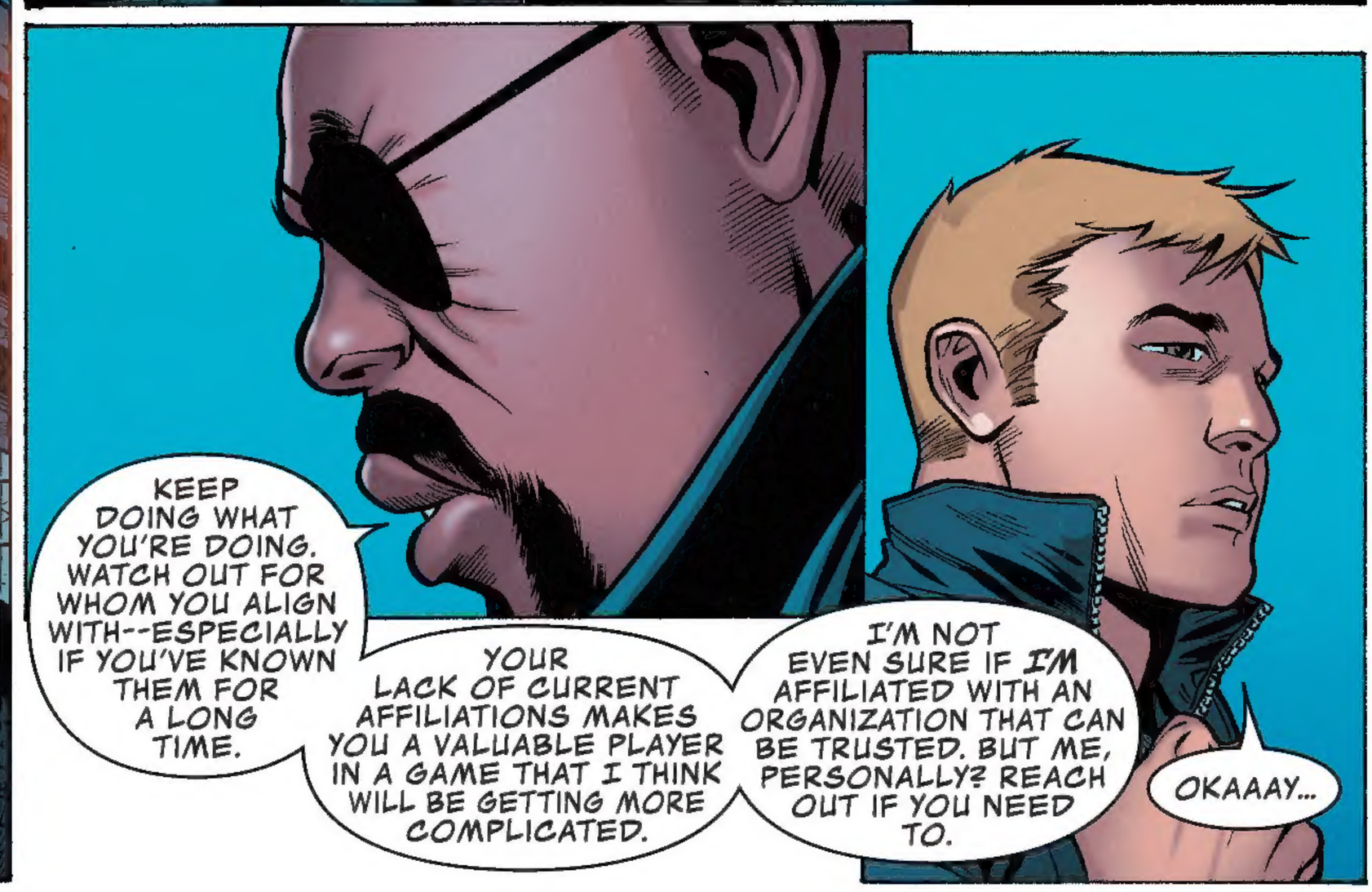
VERY IMPRESSIVE.
I... UM...SORRY FOR UNDERESTIMATING YOU, TILDA.
HOLY... YOU'RE A TOTAL BADASS.
I KNOW.
I MANAGED TO DOWNLOAD ALL THE DATA STORED ON THE COMPUTERS HERE.
THEN I SENT THE EMERGENCY DISTRESS SIGNAL YOU ASKED FOR, BARTON.
AND THEN...
...I GOT BORED.
FIGURED I'D WORK UP A SWEAT BY SAVING YOU GUYS BEFORE HELP ARRIVED.
THANK GOD YOU GOT BORED.
YEAH...I JUST WISH I'D GOTTEN HERE SOONER. MAYBE I COULD'VE HELPED SAVE THEM.
TILDA, THEY WERE ROBOTS.
SOME OF MY BEST FRIENDS HAVE BEEN ROBOTS, 'HAWK.
THEY'RE THE LEAST JUDGMENTAL PEOPLE I KNOW.

HOURS LATER.
"...I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH YOU, BARTON--WHAT KIND OF JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY IT IS YOU'VE EMBARKED ON...
"...BUT IT'S NICE TO KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE PUTTING IN THE WORK. I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN NEW MEXICO. AND THAT THING IN COLORADO."

THANKS, NICK.
ALL I NEED ARE SOME TASTY WAVES, A COOL BUZZ, AND I'M FINE.
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?
LET'S BE SERIOUS FOR A SECOND...

...THIS IS THE THIRD ONE OF THESE SECRET STORAGE FACILITIES WE'VE DISCOVERED-- AFTER SOMEONE BROKE IN AND STOLE WHATEVER MY FATHER WAS HIDING.
SOMEONE HAS FIGURED OUT WHERE THE OLD MAN STOCKPILED SOME OF HIS MOST VALUABLE ASSETS--TOP-SECRET EXPERIMENTS, MATERIALS FOR MAKING LIFE-MODEL DECOYS, YOU NAME IT.
SOMETHING IS GOING ON. SOMETHING DANGEROUS. AND TO BE HONEST, IF IT WAS DIFFICULT TO KNOW WHO TO TRUST BEFORE...WELL... NOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.


AND YOU'RE TELLING ME THIS BECAUSE...?
AS FAR AS EVERYONE AT S.H.I.E.L.D. IS CONCERNED, YOU'VE GONE ROGUE--OFF ON SOME PERSONAL MISSION OF REDEMPTION.
BUT THIS LATEST ADVENTURE OF YOURS HAS PROVEN... HOW DO I SAY THIS?


KEEP DOING WHAT YOU'RE DOING. WATCH OUT FOR WHOM YOU ALIGN WITH--ESPECIALLY IF YOU'VE KNOWN THEM FOR A LONG TIME.
YOUR LACK OF CURRENT AFFILIATIONS MAKES YOU A VALUABLE PLAYER IN A GAME THAT I THINK WILL BE GETTING MORE COMPLICATED.
I'M NOT EVEN SURE IF I'M AFFILIATED WITH AN ORGANIZATION THAT CAN BE TRUSTED. BUT ME, PERSONALLY? REACH OUT IF YOU NEED TO.
OKAAAY...

SOMEDAY, SOMEONE WILL WRITE A BOOK ABOUT ME.
TILDA, ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
NOT REALLY. IT WASN'T THAT LONG AGO THAT YOU RECRUITED ME AWAY FROM THE DARK SIDE.
AND I APPRECIATE THAT...

...BUT IF I'M GOING TO DO THIS--ACTUALLY BE ONE OF THE GOOD ONES-- I NEED TO FIGURE IT OUT ON MY OWN TERMS.
YOU'VE HELPED MORE THAN YOU KNOW. NOW IT'S ON ME.
I RESPECT THAT. IT'S JUST... WELL...

...WHEN I RECRUITED YOU, IT'S BECAUSE I NEEDED SOMEONE THAT KNEW ROBOTICS AND MECHANICAL ENGINEERING.
YOU'RE MORE THAN THAT. AND HONESTLY, I'M BETTER WITH YOU.

DAMN RIGHT YOU ARE.
AND YOU'LL DO OKAY WITHOUT ME.
BESIDES-- THAT RED WOLF IS A FINE SPECIMEN, AND I WANT TO GET ME SOME OF THAT.

IF YOU NEED ME FOR ANYTHING, YOU KNOW HOW TO FIND ME.
I'LL TRY TO KEEP FROM KILLING HAWKEYE.

SO WHAT'S NEXT FOR YOU, BARTON? OR ARE YOU REALLY MAKING THIS UP AS YOU GO ALONG?

I GOT A TEAM. WE DECIDE TOGETHER.
BUT YOU KNOW, FURY...THIS IS A SWEET RIDE, AND WE COULD USE SOME WHEELS.
MAYBE YOU CAN LOOK THE OTHER WAY FOR A SECOND?
AND THAT BOOK, IT WILL BE ALMOST AS AMAZING AS ME. ALMOST.
NEXT ISSUE: ROAD TRIP!

OCCUPY THE LETTERS PAGE!

Welcome back to the letters page, the place where our writer, David F. Walker, answers all your marvelous missives! If you've got a question you'd like to ask David, or you just want to tell him how much you like the series, email us at MHEROES@MARVEL.COM and mark your emails "Okay to Print"! You can also tweet us using the hashtags #OccupyAvengers and #OktoPrint for a chance to see your tweets in future issues! But enough about that--on to your letters!

I'm the biggest Hawkeye fan there is. I have the statues, the T-shirts, all the limited series, etc. I even threaten to beat up BMB because he killed Clint back in the day.

I will continue to buy anything with Clint Barton in the future.

However, I am now a HUGE fan of David Walker and this series. Aside from the great first two issues, it is due to the Mani of *Brotherhood of the Wolf* reference by Silas Fireheart. Best French movie ever. Plus, I cried when Mani died. And Val Kilmer in *Thunderheart?* LOL. Way to connect with me, David!

Keep the awesome obscure references coming. Long live OCCUPY AVENGERS! (And make Silas and Frank regulars, please!)

Sincerely,
Al Reano
Valencia, CA

The death of Mani in *Brotherhood of the Wolf* remains one of the most traumatic cinematic experiences of my life (I cried as well). I'm glad you like Silas and Frank--there's been some really positive response to those characters, and they have quickly become near and dear to my heart. I'm offering bonus nerd/geek points to anyone who can figure out where the inspiration for those two came from.

Hello,

I didn't plan on picking up this title. I didn't need another random AVENGERS title and I have always found Hawkeye interesting, but I have never wanted him in his own title. I still don't know what to expect from the book, but I picked it up when I saw that David Walker was writing it. I just finished issue one and I am pleased. Walker always nails real-world situations, reactions and impacts. I'm also a fan of Clint's internal dialogue. I don't know where this title is going and that is exciting. I'm here for the ride.

Larry Ware

Thanks for the support. Clint has always been an interesting character to me, and the challenge of writing this book has been keeping the characters around him as interesting as possible. It's all about how they act and react to each other.

I've just read OCCUPY AVENGERS #2, and I just wanted to thank you guys for a couple things that came from this issue.

To start, thanks for getting us back up to speed on Red Wolf. As someone who really enjoyed his recent solo and was sad to see it end so abruptly, I'm super hyped that he's back here! It's tragic that he's losing his memory of his past, though, and even some of the things he was taught there, like that cool wolf whisperer ability. Hope he still remembers his mother at least.

After that, what really got me to fall in love with this issue were the two passionate indigenous youths, Silas and Frank Fireheart. Though they were in the last issue, they came off as abrasive and apprehensive, and while that did make for a fitting juxtaposition with the poor situation they all were in, it didn't add much for likability. That did a complete 180 here, all thanks to the focus you guys chose to give them, and I really appreciate that. We even got to get a bit more properly in their heads, too. They're both earnestly passionate young men, but Silas is angrier at the world in general, and while Frank isn't strictly happy about his lot, he's considerably more level-headed and calm. You can even see a bit of how Silas low-key talks down to his cousin as a bit less capable and "worldly," only for that notion to get shut down a few panels later when Frank has to correct Silas's vocabulary. The two are also pretty darn cool, in general and in a fight, and Silas seems to be an inventor of sorts, not to mention a total closet geek/nerd. All this in just one issue that they shared in focus with everyone else. So that's also an example of masterful storytelling on top of everything else.

I've been real receptive to the various scattered handful of new minority Marvel Heroes of late, and now, despite their very short time existing, I'm already on the Fireheart bandwagon thanks to Silas and Frank this issue.

So I'll end my gushing with these two questions and a farewell. First, exactly how old are the cousins? Honestly, I couldn't pick up on it right away (same with the new Falcon at first, funny enough). Second, can we please see them again in the story, or anywhere for that matter? I know that last one's a long shot, but I figured I'd put that out there as a newly minted Fireheart fan anyway.

Thanks again for expanding the minority looking glass for us readers, and with a couple of super-power-less Badass Normal Native youths to boot! Keep up the great work, everyone, and I'll see you next issue!

Jermaine Dill,
newly minted Fireheart Fan!

The funny thing is that originally Silas and Frank didn't have that big of a part in issue #2. But I realized early on that they had a lot of potential, that I liked them as characters, and I wanted to see more of them. And my belief as a writer is that if I feel it is something that I would like, then others will like it too. Thank you for backing up my theory. The moment I finished writing the second issue, I starting asking myself, "How can I bring back the Firehearts?" Once I answer that question…

I just finished reading OCCUPY AVENGERS #2; a question occurred to me after I finished reading it. Is Red Wolf going to be an ongoing character in this series? That would be great! Also, is this time-displaced Red Wolf going to be the main Red Wolf in the current Marvel Universe? Is William Talltrees still alive? Is he dead? Inquiring minds would like to know. Thank you for the great stories so far.

Elulis Smith
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Someone else will have to answer the question about William Talltrees, because I just don't know. I've been a fan of all the incarnations of Red Wolf, but I have to admit that this current version is so fun to write that he is my favorite.

[Alanna: As far as we know, William Talltrees is still alive somewhere, but the Red Wolf in OCCUPY is our main Red Wolf for now!]

God, this first issue was amazing! I love seeing Hawkeye fighting a new type of fight, and bringing in Red Wolf seems like it's going to be an amazing combination! Can't wait to see what happens next.

Michael Bennett

Well, if you can't wait to see what happens next…just kidding, you'll have to wait. Though I will say this: the adventure of Clint, Red Wolf and the rest of the crew (which is still forming) is going to get better and better.

-David

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